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IN THE MARVEL UNIVERSE, GODS WALK THE EARTH.

SOME SIDE WITH HEROES.
OTHERS SPREAD DREAD AND DESPAIR.

ONE GOD CARES FOR NEITHER.
HE IS THE **CHAOS KING.**

AND HE WILL STOP AT NOTHING TO END EVERYTHING WITH HIS

CHAOS WAR

THE CHAOS KING CONTINUES HIS BRUTAL DESTRUCTION OF ALL THINGS.
HERCULES' GOD SQUAD HAS FACED HIM...AND FAILED. RETREATED.
NOW, A FORMER ALLY HAS OFFERED CHAOS HER ASSISTANCE.

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"FINALLY.
"THIS SICK, SAD WORLD NEARS ITS END.
"THE WORLD'S GREATEST HEROES BATTLE TO SAVE EXISTENCE ITSELF...
"...AND FAIL. FALLING THUNDEROUSLY...
"...BEFORE THE MIGHT OF YOUR SLAVES.
"BUT NOW, FOR THE FINAL BATTLE..."

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...YOU NEED ME.
ATHENA PARTHENOS...
...GODDESS OF WISDOM...
...SISTER OF HERCULES PANHELLENIOS...
...AND HANDMAID TO THE CHAOS KING.
HAUGHTY DIVINE FOOL...
...WHEN ALL RETURNS TO DARKNESS...
...YOU, TOO, WILL PERISH.
OF COURSE. I KNEW IT WOULD BE SO FROM THE DAY I TRICKED THE JAPANESE GODS INTO FREEING YOU FROM THEIR DARK PRISON.
YOU WILL TRIUMPH. I WILL FADE.
DARKNESS AND CHAOS WILL RULE.
BUT THEN, AS IT ALWAYS DOES...
...ORDER WILL REEMERGE.
EXISTENCE CAN TRY AGAIN.
AND GET IT RIGHT THIS TIME.
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TELL ME ALL YOUR DREAMS...
...THEN WATCH THEM WITHER AND BURN.
NO MORE TOMORROWS.
SO SURE OF YOURSELF, EH?
THEN WHY DO YOU WASTE TIME TALKING TO ME?
YOU HESITATE BECAUSE YOU'VE CONSUMED TOO MUCH, TOO QUICKLY.
ALREADY RETURNING TO ENTROPY, YOU'RE LOST IN YOUR OWN GROWING DARKNESS.
YOU CAN'T EVEN FIND YOUR ENEMIES, MUCH LESS DEFEAT THEM.
IF YOU WANT TO DESTROY HERCULES...
...YOU NEED WHAT ONLY I CAN--
SPARK!
AAAGH!
HOW CAN I RESIST...
...THE PANG OF WISDOM'S ORDER...
...CRUMBLING AT MY TOUCH?

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I THINK HE JUST DID, HERC.
AND HE KICKED YOUR ASS.
...THEN SCATTERED OUR "GOD SQUAD" WITH HARDLY ANY EFFORT AT--
ENOUGH, AMADEUS. WE--
AAAAGHHH!!!

ALMOST SOUNDED LIKE... ATHENA?
LOOK--BY MY CALCULATIONS, HE'S ALREADY DESTROYED 98.76% OF THE MULTIVERSE.
TIME TO BLOW THIS POP STAND.
WHADDAYA MEAN, WHAT? WE'RE BEAT!
WHAT?

WELL THEN, I'LL PUNCH HIM 'TIL HE DEVELOPS ONE!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT. ATHENA WAS ACTUALLY RIGHT ABOUT SOMETHING.
WHAT?
PARDON THE INTERRUPTION.

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BUT WE ARE RUNNING SHORT ON TIME FOR EVERYTHING... ESPECIALLY INTRODUCTIONS.
I AM PELE. GODDESS OF FIRE.
I'LL SAY.
OH, BOY.
ANOTHER LIFETIME, AND I MIGHT BE HAPPY TO *PLAY* LION OF OLYMPUS.
BUT TODAY, I CAN ONLY *MOURN*.
BESIDES...
...YOUR *WIFE* IS HERE.
HERCULES!
I THOUGHT I'D NEVER...I THOUGHT...
AH, HEBE. BUT WE LEFT YOU IN NEW YORK--
THE CHAOS KING HAS BEGUN TO EAT OUR WORLD.
BUT AS HE RENDERS CREATION TO CHAOS, HIS OWN MADNESS CLOUDS HIS EYES...
...SO MY MOTHER AND I HAVE SUMMONED THE FEW SURVIVING GODS OF EARTH TO MY HOME IN THIS REMOTEST OF REALMS...
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WHAT IS WITH THE QUITTING, PEOPLE?
WAIT-- MOTHER...?
WAIT, WAIT, WAIT, WAIT...
YOUR STEPMOTHER HERA'S BUBBLE UNIVERSE--THE CONTINUUM--
WHAT OF IT? IT'S A COMPLETELY EMPTY WORLD, BOY. I'VE BEEN THERE.
YES! EXACTLY! WE CAN USE IT AS A LIFEBOAT--EVACUATE EVERYONE OUT OF THIS EARTH TO THAT ONE!
SINCE THE BIG BANG, THE UNIVERSE HAS BEEN EXPANDING--THANKS TO CHAOTIC INFLATION!
(YES. IRONIC. I KNOW.)
THE CONTINUUM IS COMPLETELY ISOLATED FROM THE REST OF THE MULTIVERSE. IN THE FAR END OF THAT EXPANSION!
THAT WAS HERA'S WHOLE PLAN!
IF WE CAN GET EVERYBODY INTO IT BEFORE CHAOS KING DESTROYS THIS UNIVERSE--WE MAY BE ABLE TO SAVE THEM ALL!
AND YOU THINK YOU CAN MOVE SIX BILLION PEOPLE OVER IN TIME?
WELL...I HEAR WE HAVE AN ALL-FATHER IN THE HOUSE.
FORGET IT.

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THAT THING ATHENA WAS *RIGHT* ABOUT?
YOU'LL NEVER STOP *HITTING* THINGS. IT'S ALL YOU DO.
EVEN AS THE WORLD CRUMBLES AROUND YOU.
WELL. I'M FINDING A *BETTER WAY.*

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THAT... BOY...
TROUBLE YOURSELF NOT, GREAT HERCULES...
...FOR THOSE WHO STILL LOVE THIS WORLD WILL STAND WITH YOU.
BRAVE BALDER, KING OF THE AESIR...
LION OF OLYMPUS, CHAMPION OF ALL-THAT-ENDURES...
...ONLY SHOW US WHERE TO CHARGE.
YES! WHERE TO CHARGE... WE'LL START WITH...
WE'LL...
DAMMIT.
HERCULES?
I'M AN ALL-FATHER, AND IF I REALLY FOCUS...
...I CAN START TO SEE THE NUMBERS THE WAY AMADEUS DOES...
...AND HE MIGHT BE RIGHT.
"MIGHT"?
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New York City.
The Baxter Building.
HEY. CAN I HELP?
SERIOUSLY, I'M PRETTY SMART.
COME ON. THERE ARE ONLY THREE OR FIVE OTHER PEOPLE ON THE PLANET WHO CAN WRAP THEIR HEADS AROUND EXPLOITING QUANTUM FLUCTUATIONS OF THE INFLATION FIELD TO OPEN A WORMHOLE BETWEEN THIS UNIVERSE AND CONTINUUM—
DANGER. DANGER.
HOO BOY.
FACILITY BREACH. FACILITY BREACH.
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STUPID GENIUS.
THE HULK'S OWN FISTS COULDN'T EVEN KILL HIM LAST TIME...
...AND NOW EVEN KING CHAOS GIVES US HIS POWER!
YO, BIG G!
A LITTLE HAND?
ALL THOSE WHO OPPOSE THE WILL OF GALACTUS...
...FACE THE WRATH OF MY PUNISHER!

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YOU TRIED KILLING ME BEFORE, SISTER. REMEMBER?
NO. I EXILED YOU.
KILLING YOU WAS EXACTLY WHAT I WAS TRYING TO SAVE YOU FROM.
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN YOU'D BE AS STUBBORN IN YOUR DEATH AS YOU'VE BEEN YOUR ENTIRE LIFE!
GRAAH!
KRAK
KABOOOM
AT LEAST I'M CONSISTENT.
IT DOESN'T MATTER.
MY NEW MASTER HAS ALREADY BEGUN HIS FINAL ATTACK.

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MOTHER--
WEEP FOR THIS WORLD, CHILD.
THE CHAOS KING FEASTS UPON MY FLESH.
THE BOY WAS RIGHT...
...YOU WEREN'T READY, HERCULES.
YOU CALLED YOURSELF THE GOD OF HEROES, AND LED THE FIGHTING.
BUT YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE GOD OF GODS, SEIZING THE POWER OF CREATION ITSELF.
CAN WE...
...CAN WE TRY TALKING IN PRESENT TENSE?
TELL ME...
...WHAT I CAN DO.

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EVERY DREAMER TELLS MY STORY DIFFERENTLY...
...BUT I WAS THE FIRST THING TO FORM OUT OF CHAOS.
I BIRTHED THE GODS THEMSELVES.
I AM THE TRUE FONT OF CREATION.
THE SOURCE OF ALL THAT THE GODS CAN DO AND HAVE DONE.
NOW WE STAND IN HALEMAUMAU CRATER. WHERE MY DAUGHTER'S LEGENDS SAY I WORKED MY FIRST MIRACLES.
GO TO HER, HERO.
IT IS HERE THAT I SHALL TEACH YOU WHAT IT TRULY IS TO BE A GOD.
KEEP DREAMING, WITCH.
YOU KNOW HE'LL FAIL...
...AND YOUR OWN TIME GROWS SHORT.
AAAAGH!

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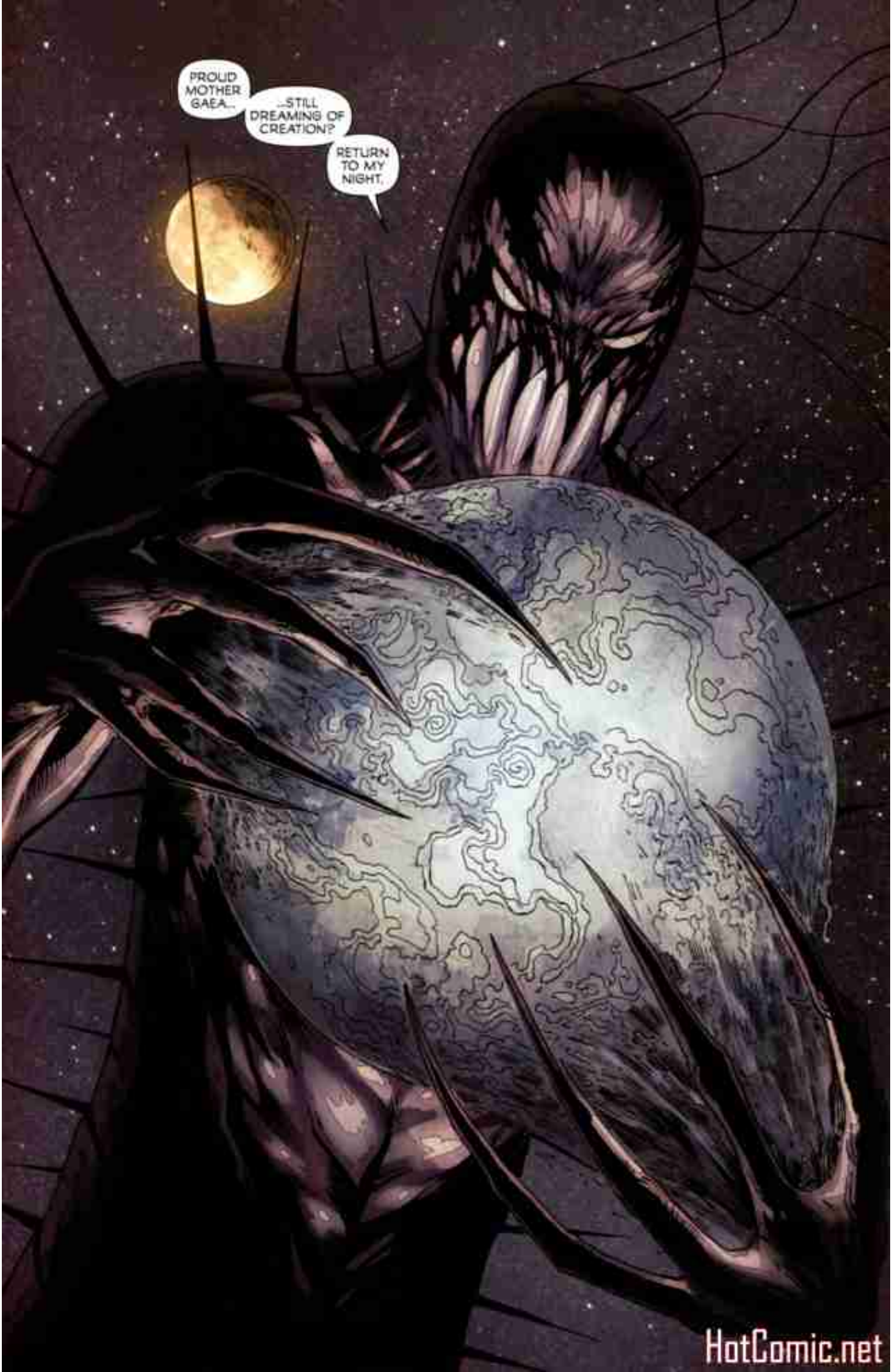

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WAIT!
LET ME GO!
NO, HERCULES!
YOU CAN'T-- YOU DON'T KNOW--
HEBE...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND HALF OF WHAT THEY'RE SAYING, SO I KNOW YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND A QUARTER...
...BUT THEY'RE GOING TO CHANGE YOU, HERCULES, IN SOME CRAZY, HORRIBLE WAY. THIS ISN'T--THIS ISN'T--
LET ME GO.
RNGH!
SHOOOOOOOM!
NOW LEARN THE LESSON YOU HAVE FOREVER SO FEARED.
IF YOU WOULD SAVE ALL CREATION...

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...LOOK BEYOND EACH SINGLE LIFE.
LET THOSE WHO MUST FALL, FALL.
MOURN THE FADING OF EACH DEAD LEAF.
AAWWGGHH!
BUT DO NOT PAUSE TO STOP IT.
I'LL...
...I'LL MISS YA, BUDDY.

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INSTEAD, YOU CREATE ANEW.
CREATE OUT OF ASHES AND DEATH.
CREATE OUT OF DARKNESS AND CHAOS.
THAT IS HOW EXISTENCE FOUGHT FOR LIFE.
REMAKE YOURSELF, HERCULES.
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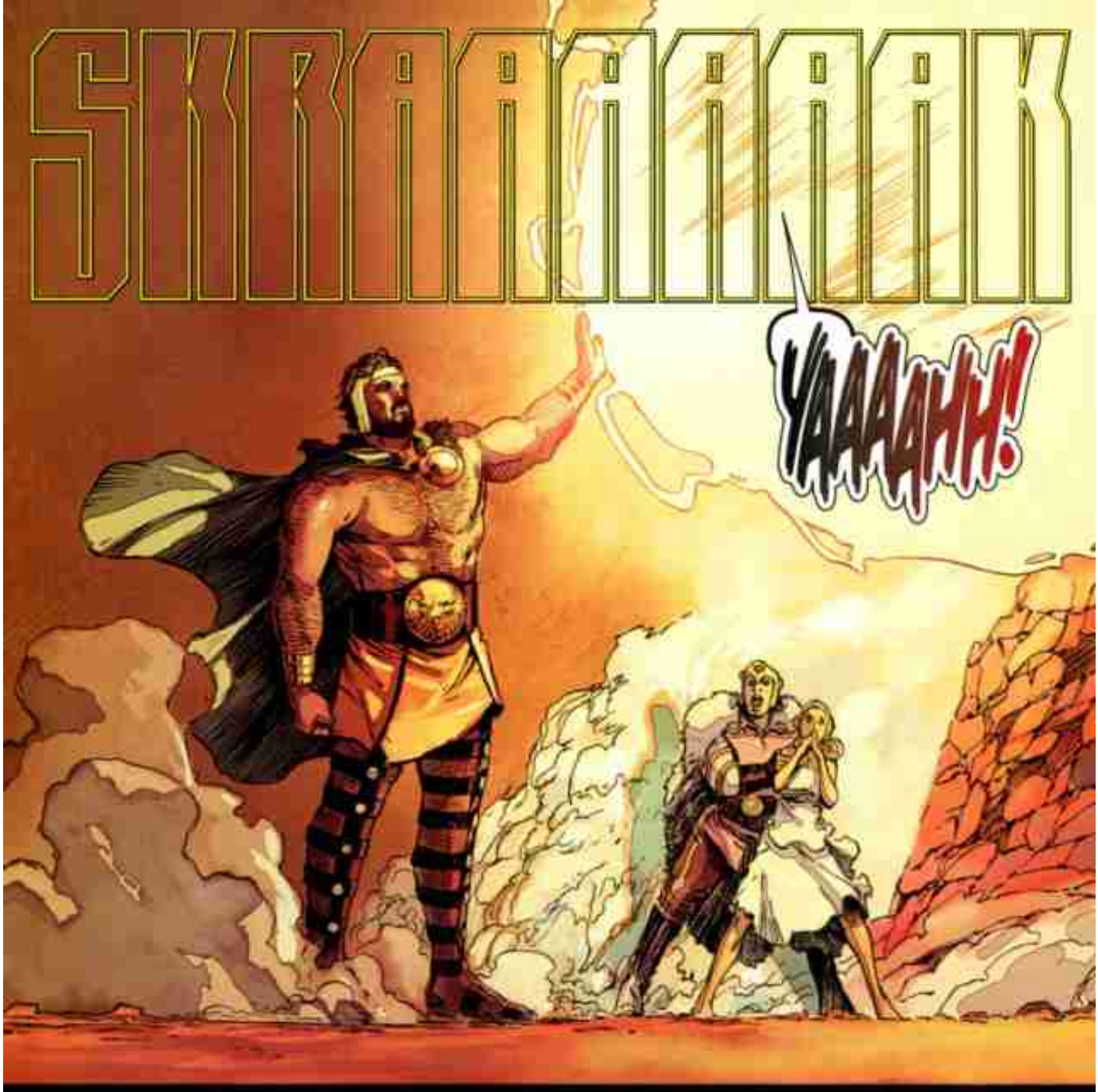

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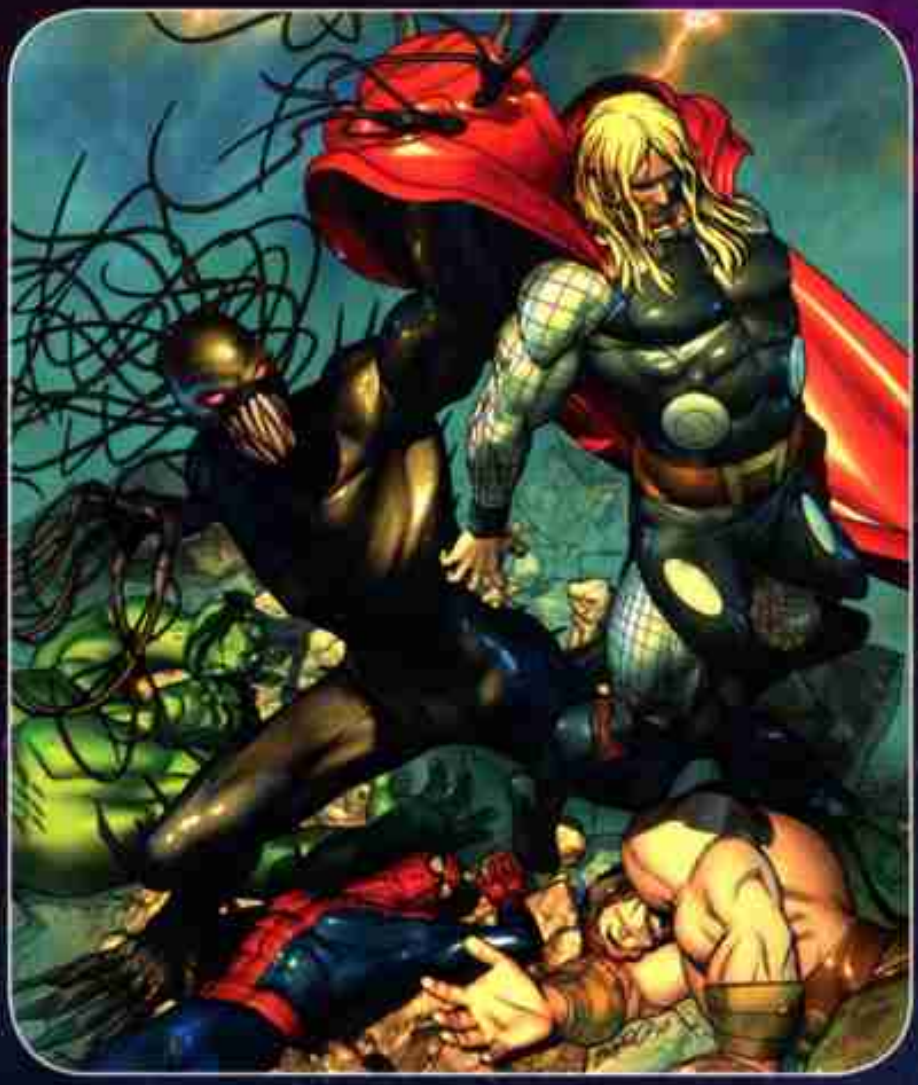

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